THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Cases of poaching have been detected both inside and outside the protected areas. However, the incidences of poaching are higher outside the protected areas due to inadequate enforcement infrastructure.

(b) The poaching is normally done by organised gangs. Villagers living in and around the protected areas find it difficult to combat such forces. However, co-operation of local people and NGOs is elicited through eco-development and Joint Forest Management programmes for controlling wildlife crimes.

Hazardous inputs used by Chemical and Pharmaceutical Companies

192. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the hazardous inputs which are being used by the chemical and pharmaceutical industries in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry to ascertain the facts since these industries are reluctant to disclose the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Hazardous inputs used by chemical and pharmaceutical industries include toxic, flammable chemicals and explosives as defined and listed under Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 [MSIHC] and subsequent amendments thereof.

(b) to (d) Government has got conducted Hazard Analysis Studies in 45 selected industrial pocket to assess the hazard potential of major accident hazard units located therein. Central and State Authorities have been empowered to conduct inspection under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.